

NIXON ASKS FOR MAJOR EXPANSION OF VOTER RIGHTS



YOUNGSTERS BATTLE SMOG: Children wear surgical masks and display banners in the hearing room of the Los Angeles County Supervisors Wednesday. They were there with their parents, members of a volunteer group called Stamp Out Smog, to appeal to the supervisors to get rid of smog. The group claimed the county is going backward instead of forward in controlling air pollution in Southern California. (AP Wirephoto)

Performing Elephants Working For Peanuts?

Animal 'Union' Organized

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — About 600 of entertainment's most winning performers are growing mad, a spokesman would have us believe. They feel they've lived a dog's life in movies and on television.

So Lassie, Gentle Ben the Bear, Clarence the Cross Eyed Lion and friends are forming a union... sort of.

They want better pay, residuals for reruns, screen credits, a pension plan and annual awards—like the Oscars.

Their spokesman, Ralph Helfer, sort of a Doctor Dolittle of labor unions and owner of the Africa U.S.A. movie animal compound, explained the beastly situation at a news conference Wednesday.

"Professional animals are not treated with the respect they deserve," he said. "There are many shows based on animal movie stars and they should get the same residuals as human movie stars."

For instance, Helfer said, an elephant made a commercial for \$200 peanuts. A human costar gets fat checks every time the commercial is shown.

Not only that, said Helfer, some movie and television companies allow house pets—mere amateurs—to perform.

"The way things are now any John Doe owning a pet leopard can walk into a studio and work the animal on a set... It's not safe for the actors."

The union—as yet unnamed—



LION SPEAKS OUT: A 500-pound lion named Zamba appears to get a roar in edgewise as newsmen question Ralph Helfer, right, in Hollywood Wednesday about a proposed association to unify and control the employment and pay scales of wild and domestic animals in the motion picture and television industry. Zamba, owned by animal trainer Helfer, is trained but not domestic. (AP Wirephoto)

Would Ban Literacy Tests Nationwide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration proposed today a nationwide ban on voter literacy tests and on state residency requirements for presidential election.

The administration also called for enforcement powers that would allow the attorney general to dispatch federal voting examiners and observers anywhere in the nation.

MAJOR EXPANSION

The package, submitted by Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, would be a major expansion of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which primarily affected seven Southern states where more than 800,000 Negroes have been added to the voting rolls in the last four years.

"We have come to the firm conclusion that voting rights is no longer a regional issue," Mitchell told a House judiciary subcommittee considering an extension of the 1965 law.

"It is a national concern for every American and must be treated on a nationwide basis," he said.

Although much wider in scope than the current legislation, the administration proposals amount to a partial concession to the South since that region no longer would be singled for federal attention.

The package came after weeks of debate within the administration. Largely because no consensus could be reached, Mitchell canceled four previous scheduled appearances before the subcommittee, headed by Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y.

With the proposals finally settled, Mitchell called today for five amendments to the 1965 law. They would provide:

—A nationwide ban on literacy tests until at least Jan. 1, 1974.

—A nationwide ban on state residency requirements for presidential elections.

—Authority for the attorney general to dispatch voting examiners and observers anywhere in the nation.

—Authority for the Justice Department to start voting rights lawsuits and to ask for a freeze on discriminatory voting laws.

—Appointment by the President of a national voting advisory commission to study voter discrimination "and other corrupt practices."

RESULTS IN SOUTH

Contending the 1965 act had brought about "impressive results" in the South, Mitchell said so many Negroes have been registered that there are other states—unaffected by current legislation—where a small percentage of Negroes is on the voting rolls.

Therefore, he said, "I cannot support a simple five-year extension" of the 1965 law.

"I cannot support what amounts to regional legislation," he added. "While Congress may have had sufficient reason to pass regional legislation in the 1965 act, I do not believe that this justification exists any longer."

"Circumstances have changed," he said, "and I believe that our legislative approach must change."

Now receiving sweet cherries for bringing Spink's Corners Fruit Exchange, 944-1491, Adv.

WE NEED A WOMAN for permanent position to work in billing for the Circulation Department of this newspaper. NCR experience helpful—but will train the right party. Call 925-0022 for personal interview.



FISHIN' AND FLOWERS: Perched beside a clump of daisies, two young fishermen wait for a sunfish to pull their bobber under. Freelance photographer Don Wehner of New Buffalo snapped the

picturesque summer scene at Bob-A-Ron lake near Three Oaks. Afraid he might scare away a fish, he didn't disturb the young anglers to ask their names.

Nixon Charges Ahead On Surtax Extension

Jury Rules Justifiable Homicide

Rare Coroner's Inquest In Cass

CASSOPOLIS — In a rarely-called coroner's inquest, a six-member jury has returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in the shooting of William Lesiewicz by his estranged wife, Mrs. Paulette Susan Lesiewicz.

Lesiewicz, 27, of route 1, Cassopolis, was shot twice June 11 at the home of Mrs. Lesiewicz, Oak Grove road, near Cassopolis.

The inquest was called by Rollo Schoff, a Cass county coroner who presided over it Monday in the Fourth District courtroom here. Schoff said it was the first coroner's inquest held in Cass county in 15 years. He said the jury Monday deliberated only ten minutes before reaching a verdict.

During the inquest, a baby-sitter testified that Lesiewicz broke into the house and attacked his estranged wife. Deputies testified that Mrs. Lesiewicz told them her husband threatened to kill her on the night of the shooting and during previous quarrels.

Cass county prosecutor Herman Saitz did not authorize any charge, pending extensive investigations. Schoff said the inquest was held to determine if charges would be filed. He said that for all practical purposes, the case has been dismissed. Mrs. Lesiewicz was not present during the inquest.

Testimony during the inquest indicated that Lesiewicz came to Mrs. Lesiewicz's home, threatened and attacked her.

Youth Killed

AVERILL (AP) — Timothy Sullivan, 13, Sanford, was killed Wednesday when his motorcycle collided with a truck at Averill, just north of Midland. The truck driver was treated for shock.

Start July 1, with 5 per cent ICB Golden Key Passbook. Mem FDIC.

Indiana Moves To Extend I-94

The Indiana Highway Commission was to meet today to accept the bid of a Grand Rapids firm to build the first leg of the I-94 "missing link" between the Indiana toll road and New Buffalo.

Russell H. Harrel, Indiana state highway director at Indianapolis, said the L.W. Hutchinson Co. of Grand Rapids was the apparent low bidder.

The company bid \$6,159,323 to build 4.3 miles of expressway and three bridges in Porter county. The project extends from an existing bridge over the toll road at Christman road to about two miles east of Indiana 149. It includes bridges over US-20, Salt Creek and Indiana 149. Bids were opened Tuesday at Indianapolis.

Harrel said the highway commission will advertise for bids on additional projects in the missing link next September and November.

A chief reason for sidestepping the question is its sensitive diplomatic and political nature.

Former Civil Aeronautics Board chairman Joseph J. O'Connell points out that if a U.S. airline is in financial straits, doubts naturally arise as to the safety of its operation.

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Phasing Out Foreign Military Bases

Rising complaints on military spending and growing irritation with some overseas friends are prompting the Nixon Administration to thoughts of retrenching on 4,300 outposts maintained by Uncle Sam.

They range from a rented hotel to acreage in the thousands among 30 countries.

A million servicemen, plus an additional 750,000 dependents and foreign employees live on those establishments.

The cost is another mystery concealed in all federal budgets, but the best guess is from \$4 to \$5 billion a year.

How many are strategic in view of the weaponry development in the last two decades and how many are simply heritages from our World War II commitment presents another conundrum.

Some are essential.

The U.S. border patrol on the 38th parallel is about all that deters North Korea from making another pass at South Korea.

The naval bases, air fields and army garrisons in Spain and Turkey count for something in the turbulent Middle East.

So do our forces in Western Europe that are the backbone in NATO.

Open to doubt are the smaller units scattered hither, thither and yon. Few, if any, would be of value if more than a brushfire

war broke out.

The recurrent argument with Franco on the rentals for the Spanish sites and Japanese pressure to re-assert dominion in the Ryukyu island chain, particularly Okinawa, is pushing the Administration to the thought of reassessing American strategy.

What bases are vital in light of future political alignments abroad? How many are frills regardless of world politics?

Conceivably this evaluation could lead to a reshuffling comparable to big city tenants changing apartments and offices in the spring.

The answer will not be put in the precise terms of the private individual comparing rentals and convenience of location.

Evacuating a militarily insignificant base whose payroll is the only cash crop for the native population poses a question in diplomacy.

Leaving another site simply for local objection to it creates a different question.

In between those considerations is the fact that the U.S. is draining its dollar exchange and frittering its manpower on hundreds of installations as meaningless as keeping the old style cavalry garrison on our western plains.

Sifting the wheat from the chaff presents its own delicate maneuvering, but should be started now.

Urban renewal will foot three-fourths of demolition cost and the county the remaining one-quarter.

Square block on which the landmark stands will remain part of grounds around the county's new courthouse.

DAYS ARE NUMBERED

—1 Year Ago—

Bids are to be opened Monday for demolishing the old courthouse in St. Joseph that served as the seat of government for Berrien county from 1895 to 1966. Depending on how quickly St. Joseph urban renewal department can act on bids and how soon wreckers can move in, the stone structure is expected to go down anytime from next few weeks to next several months.

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BAND CONCERTS TO START

—10 Years Ago—

The St. Joseph Municipal band will open its 1959 summer season of open air concerts this Sunday at the Lake Front park band shell with concerts at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

This year will mark the 11th season for the conductor, John E. N. Howard, St. Joseph high school band director.

Featured guests at the opening day concerts will be members of the Fruit Belt Chapter chorus of the SPEBSQSA, the Barbershoppers, directed by William Hansen.

CITY HELPS WAR DRIVE

—25 Years Ago—

The St. Joseph city commission Monday night killed two birds with one stone — purchased war bonds with a maturity value of \$20,000 (cost

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1—Where can "The Clerk's Tale" be found?
2—Who was Circe?
3—Who wrote "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County"?
4—Who wrote the operetta "Bitter Sweet"?
5—What is the present-day name of Siam?

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE
INVOKE — (in-VOK' E) —verb; to call for with earnest desire; to call on a divine being, as in prayer.

DID YOU KNOW...

Colds cause more than one-half of the absences of employees from work.

IT HAPPENED TODAY
On this day in 1870 the boardwalk at Atlantic City was completed.

BORN TODAY

Pearl S. (for Sydenstricker) Buck wrote "Dragon Seed," "A Bridge for Passing" and "The Living Reed," but the book she is remembered for is one of the most popular of the 20th century — "The Good Earth."

"The Good Earth" was made into an outstanding movie starring Paul Muni and Luise Rainer in 1936, and played to critical buzz-zahs.

The daughter of American missionaries, she was raised in China and is best known, of course, for her books about Chinese life.

Part of her purpose has been to make the East known to the West.

Your Turn!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

PRICE IS \$14,800

to aid the Fifth War Loan drive and at the same time swell the city's sinking fund to \$79,900.

The \$79,900 sinking fund is comprised of \$17,000 in city tax warrants and \$62,900 (cost price) in U.S. war bonds.

BANKER HONORED

—35 Years Ago—
John Stubblefield, president of the Peoples State bank, was named a member of the executive council of the Michigan State Bankers Association at the annual convention in Grand Rapids.

COPULE RETURNS

—35 Years Ago—
Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Keil of Edgewater have returned from Ann Arbor where they attended the graduation exercises at the

University of Michigan. Their daughter, Miss Margaret Keil, who was a graduate, will spend three months in Europe with a party of three other students.

PERSONS IN THE NEWS

—35 Years Ago—

Mr. and Mrs. John Grimm of 514 Court street are the parents of a son. Mrs. Marjorie Upton has returned from Ypsilanti, where she has been attending school. Clarence Johnson has gone to Chicago to attend a Sunday school convention.

MOVING TIME

—35 Years Ago—
Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kingswell of Chicago have bought a house and lot in Preston & Collins addition and will move there soon. Mr. Kingswell is in the commission business.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

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Twin City
News

NEW BH SCHOOL MILLAGE VOTE AUGUST 11

No Leads In Shooting Case

Bullet Narrowly Missed Rent-A-Car Operator

No leads were reported today in two shooting assaults against a Twin Cities area businessman.

Don Jewell, chief detective for the Berrien county sheriff's department, said, "we are investigating the case. But

so far we have uncovered no additional information."

Edward Jaskiewicz, 53, married and the father of four daughters, was shot at Tuesday night as he drove out of a service station he owns at M-139 and I-94. The bullet smashed into the front window frame just inches from him and sheriff's deputies were called to investigate.

In addition to the service station, Jaskiewicz operates the Hertz rent-a-car franchise locally and a 12-passenger limousine bus.

According to authorities, the attempt on Jaskiewicz's life was the second in slightly over two weeks. A bullet smashed through the side rear windows of his vehicle as he drove from Benton Harbor's Ross airfield on June 9. Benton Harbor police were investigating this case.

Jewell and Det. Lt. Ronald Smith, chief of Benton Harbor

detectives, said their investigations into the cases have revealed nothing which would link the shootings with a business dispute between Jaskiewicz and the Twin Cities Cab company.

The cab firm, owned by Jack Chaddock, has objected to Jaskiewicz providing limousine transportation without a taxi license for airline passengers stranded at Ross airfield because of weather or mechanical trouble with their plane.

The officers also doubted the shootings had any connection with Jaskiewicz' appearance several years ago as a witness against a man accused of a felony. The defendant was convicted and still is in prison, according to Jewell.

EXPLAINS OPERATION

Atty. Donald Bleich, of St. Joseph, representative of Jaskiewicz, said the limousine operator does not have a continuing contract with North Central Airlines to transport grounded passengers, but rather operates on a trip by trip basis. Bleich said his client is not required to have a local taxi license for this service.

Jewell said he could make no assessment of the shooting cases until further investigation



FUN AT MERCHANTS' PICNIC: Darlia Maressa (left) and Lynn Benson get instructions from John Biek on how to operate minibike at annual picnic of the St. Joseph Business Division yesterday at Tabor farm. Minibike was supplied by Don Rimes. Both the young women are clerks at Rimes & Hildebrand. Biek and Phil Medo, general chairman of the picnic, said pleasant weather helped send attendance to near the 200 mark. Golf in the afternoon was followed by dinner. (Staff photo)

is completed. Jewell and Detective Victor Hauch of the sheriff's department, are working on the case occurring at the service station.

Jaskiewicz was closing the station Tuesday night when the latest shot was fired at him. He told officers a big, dark colored car sped away afterward.

Only one license plate was reportedly seen, indicating the car was registered out-of-state. The occupants, he believed, were white.

Boy Scout Event Is Cancelled

Wabano day, scheduled for Sunday at Sportsman's Park in Adrian, has been cancelled.

The event, a fun festival of scouting activities, was called off due to lack of pre-registration. Bob Brohan, district chairman for the Wabano district of Boy Scouts, said that all scouts should contact their scoutmasters for further details concerning the cancellation.

BH Youth Is Charged In Attack

Student Teacher Beaten June 15

A 15-year-old boy was arrested by Benton Harbor Youth Officers Robert Irvin and Marvin Fiedler last night for an assault made June 15 on a Lakeshore high school student teacher.

The youth and another boy, aged 15, were picked up by the two officers and charged with stealing several articles from two cars parked behind the American Legion club, 195 Territorial road.

Fred Lev, student teacher from Chicago, was attacked by several youths when he got out of a parked car June 15 on Sixth street to defend a woman companion. Police questioned the boys arrested last night in connection with the attack. They then charged one with having taken part.

Detectives charged the two boys prowled the alley last night for unlocked cars and stole a six pack of beer, a shift knob, screwdriver, socks, radio and beach towel. Both boys were petitioned to Berrien juvenile court.

Another boy, age 14, was petitioned to juvenile court after he was arrested by Benton Harbor police last night on a charge of larceny from Talbot's drug store, 481 Pipsestone street. Police said the boy was locked in the store at closing time.

A nearby resident called police when he observed a boy filling his pockets with items from the store. Change had also been removed from the cash registers.

New BH Trooper Hits Mark

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State Police added 16 troopers with graduation ceremonies Wednesday to bring department enlisted strength to 1,600 men.

This is 70 below the strength of 1,760 authorized by the Legislature.

Trooper William Parvinen Jr of Ishpeming took the recruit class award for academic achievement. The class award for the marksmanship went to trooper William Dailey of Benton Harbor.

Col. Fredrick Davids, State Police director, presented the 1968 Trooper of the Year award to Trooper Howard Keena of the Newaygo post. Keena was cited for outstanding community service, particularly among young people.

Amount Of Request Undecided

Backers Telling Disadvantages If It Loses Again

Having said "No" in overwhelming fashion earlier this month, voters of the Benton Harbor school district will be asked to return to the polls Monday, August 11, and say "Yes" to another proposal for an operating tax increase.

The size of the proposed increase is not yet determined. That will be set next month by the Benton Harbor Board of Education, which yesterday voted just to call the election and set the August 11 date.

Earlier this month voters defeated, 3,779 to 1,982, a 5.5 mill operating tax increase that would have raised about \$800,000 annually for the district.

TAKING NEW TACK

A new direction in the board's appeal for public support of increased millage took shape at yesterday's meeting. Whereas emphasis had earlier been on the advantages of increased school revenues, it will now be on the disadvantages that would result from budgetary cuts should the proposed tax hike go down to defeat again.

"How can we not ask the public to reconsider when we report what has to be cut?" asked Superintendent Mark Lewis. He added that work meanwhile has been done to bring the budget in balance following the defeat of the 5.5 mill proposal.

Dr. Lewis noted that even if the new proposal is approved August 11, some programs will not be fully restored. By the time the board would be sure of additional revenues approved by voters, Lewis said, there will be a shortage of properly qualified teachers available for hire.

In other action, the board voted to apply the \$5,110 from the sale of the former Martindale school building on north Euclid avenue toward the building debt of the former Martindale school district. Residents of the district may look for a reduction in property taxes during the coming year as a result of the board's decision but should also expect a restoration to their present level a year later, said board secretary Dr. Harzel Taylor.

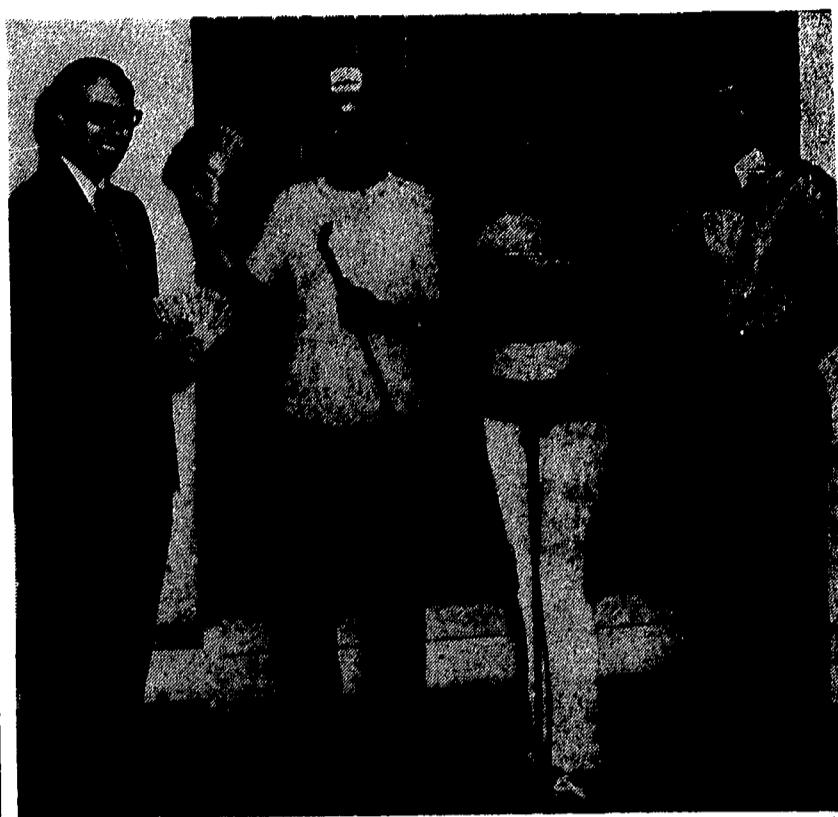
In addition to the 5.5 mill increase, a proposal for the entire school district to assume the building debt of the former Martindale district went down to defeat June 9.

TRI-CAP PROGRAM

The board approved a request from Tri-County Community Action Commission (Tri-Cap) for summer use of Pioneer school. Tri-Cap will operate a program in the school from June 23 until the last of August and will be responsible for cleaning up the building and repairing any breakage that may occur. Cost to the school district, Dr. Lewis said, would be minimal.

Board members were informed that the State Department of Education has reserved \$776,100 for the school district as advance payment of 1969-70 state aid. The money will be received in September.

The board approved as resolution authorizing the administration to advertise for and act on bids received to meet the fuel oil and gasoline requirements of the school district during the upcoming year.



HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST: Golfers who achieved the phenomenal feat of scoring three holes-in-one within a 35-minute period in last year's annual Hole-In-One contest held by the Benton Harbor Kiwanis club will be back shooting for the \$500 savings bond award this weekend. This year's contest opens at 3 p.m. Friday at Blossom Trails golf course driving range. Golfers can shoot for the \$500 bond and other lesser awards from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 3 to 10 p.m. on Friday and Monday. The club will use the proceeds for its many charitable activities on behalf of boys and girls. From left, Andrew Schmidtman, contest chairman, has no trouble selling last year's successful trio, Harry Marceau, Sr., Mrs. Alex Jakubowski, and Randy Swearer. (Staff photo)

Rough Road For Bill To Free Loan Money

A gloomy forecast for a bill that would loosen loan money at higher interest rates for home buyers was made yesterday by State Representatives Ray C. Mittan of Benton Harbor and Don Pears of Buchanan.

Their comments concerned Senate Bill 124, which would remove the ceiling on interest rates for home loans.

The law currently allows no rates over 7 per cent.

Rep. Mittan said that the bill's predicament is not due to any lack of votes on the Republican side of the house. He added, however, that an attempt is currently under way to gain Democratic support by adjusting the interest ceiling to 8 1/2 per cent.

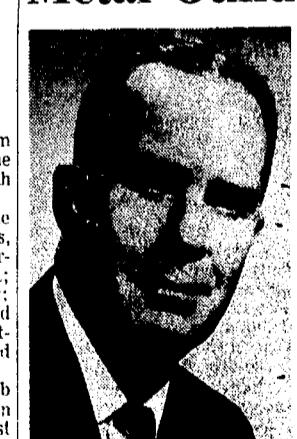
Rep. Pears stated that he would still vote for the bill if amended in this way.

In response to wires and letters from the Multiple Listing System of Southwestern Michigan urging the passage of the bill, both Mittan and Pears said that while they support the measure, they have little hope of its passage.

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Fairplain Man Heads Metal Guild



Horace D. Weak, melting superintendent at Superior Steel Castings Co., Benton Harbor, has been elected president of the Electric Metal Makers Guild.

Weak, whose home is at 244 Eastern avenue, Fairplain, was advanced to the top office of the national organization at its 37th annual meeting at Canton, O., last week.

The purpose of the guild, whose membership is made up of melting superintendents and their assistants from the United States and Canada, is to promote the development, manufacture and use of metals that are processed in electric melting furnaces.

At Superior Steel, Weak is in charge of the company's three electric furnaces which are used to make steel in production of castings that are shipped through the U.S., Canada and several foreign countries.



WAITS AMBULANCE: Gunshot victim Courtland Fred Jackson, 29, lies on floor as brother, Johnnie, Jr., 38, and Benton township Police Sgt. Donald Watkins direct ambulance crew into bedroom at 399 Felton avenue, where shooting took place about 2:30 a.m. today. Township police said the victim was accidentally shot in the leg in a tussle with his brother over a loaded shotgun. Admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital's intensive care unit, Jackson was reported in fair condition today. (Staff photo)

Schoolcraft Man To Face Arraignment

LAWTON — Jack H. Maile, 53, Schoolcraft, was to be arraigned in Van Buren County district court today on charges of felonious assault.

Maile was charged by Van Buren county sheriff's deputies with shooting his estranged wife, Martha Maile, 56, at her home on 32nd street, south of Lawton, in Porter township late Tuesday night.

Deputies said the shooting resulted from a family argument. Mrs. Maile was taken to Lake View Community hospital in Paw Paw where she received first aid treatment for a minor gunshot wound and was later released.

A man and woman were arrested yesterday by Benton Harbor police after a woman said she recognized her purse in the arms of a woman walking down East Main street. The purse was snatched from her purse stroller June 16.

Eugene Whiteside, 22, of Mifflin hotel, Benton Harbor, was taken out of her stroller by a man who followed her from a grocery store in Benton Harbor.

A woman was with the man at that time, she said.

'HEY, THAT'S MINE!' Purse-Snatch Victim Fingers Two Suspects

Mills said he was eating lunch in a restaurant on East Main street yesterday when a man came in and said his daughter, Carolyn Booker, 21, of 706 Buss avenue, had just seen a woman walking along the street with the purse stolen from her June 16.

The victim reported to police June 16 that the purse was taken out of her stroller by a man who followed her from a grocery store in Benton Harbor.

A woman was with the man at that time, she said.

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AREA TOURIST RENTALS TOTAL \$3,702,241

Berrien Will Try Again On Bonds

\$850,000 Issue On The Line

Maximum Interest Rate Offered

The Berrien board of supervisors and Berrien county building authority agreed Wednesday to offer an \$850,000 revenue bond issue for 20 years at six per cent maximum interest.

The same issue, with 5 1/2 per cent ceiling, failed to attract bidders last week.

The new bond will pay for furnishings in the St. Joseph courthouse and adjacent land costs. It will not be offered until approved by the Michigan Municipal Finance commission some weeks or months from now.

RENTED BY COUNTY

By Wednesday's agreement, the county will pay the authority \$273,000 annual rent. The authority uses the rent to pay off the new bond issue plus a five-year-old \$2,575 million bond issue that built the courthouse.

The \$273,000 rent runs through 1989, or 1983 at the discretion of the building authority, according to Authority Chairman A. W. "Mike" Baker.

Supervisors get the rent money from a special four-tenths of a mill tax approved by county voters in 1961. The levy will be sufficient to meet the additional cost of the \$850,000 issue, according to the supervisors.

Supervisors were paying \$195,000 annual rent to retire the original \$2,575 million bond. Now the rent will be \$78,000 a year higher to cover the new \$850,000 bond issue.

A tight money situation found no takers for the \$850,000 bond at 5 1/2 per cent last week and Chairman Baker was unable to predict if the bond will sell at six per cent, the highest permitted by law.

"It's anybody's guess," he told county supervisors Wednesday.

WITHDRAWAL POSSIBLE

If there's no sale at 6 per cent, Baker added, "our next move would be to withdraw from the sale to bring it up at a later date."

Both the authority and county supervisors met in special session Wednesday. Supervisors suspended the rules to approve a certified public accounting firm's audit report on 25 active justices of the peace replaced Jan. 1 by district courts; and okayed the purchase of \$2,474 in dictating and transcribing units for Fifth District court.

Decatur Fish Fry

DECATUR — The Decatur Jaycees will sponsor a fish fry on Friday between 5 and 7:30 p.m. in the fireman's hall. Proceeds will be used for the summer recreation programs.

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CENTENNIAL QUEEN: Julie Green, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Green, Sr., route 3, South Haven, will be crowned next Tuesday evening as queen of South Haven centennial and blueberry festival. She was first Negro girl to win Miss South Haven crown in Blossomtime festival this spring.

Negro Heritage To Be Recalled

Black Poet Wins Acclaim For South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — The crowning next week of Miss Julie Green, Negro, to reign over South Haven's centennial-blueberry festival will undoubtedly draw some attention to the role of the Negro in the history of the town.

While it may be obscured by faded memories, the Negro heritage in South Haven was literally founded by the almost forgotten poet, James D. Corrothers, according to old newspaper accounts.

Corrothers was a Negro who had the distinction of being one of the first of his race to live at South Haven, and one of the first people to leave the town and win national recognition.

An old edition of the South Haven Messenger, in 1897, told of how Corrothers, a "colored poet" had won national distinction for a collection of poems he had published.

The story said Corrothers, then about 27, "was the only

colored boy in South Haven and as he was compelled to fight about every white boy in the place he soon became quite proficient with his fists."

The story told how Corrothers was educated with the help of friends at Northwestern University, and later learned to be as good a boxer as he was a writer.

Corrothers once said he felt boxing was as much a gift as writing poetry. His poem "Ethiopia" was intended by Corrothers "to be the national song of the colored race" and it was this poem that first made him known outside his circle, the story said.

Proceeds will be used to buy equipment the club will need for participation in the Berrien County Youth Fair, according to the leaders, Miss Patricia Cerny and Mrs. Alice Johnson. Tickets are available from club members and at the door.

The club is composed of members from the Millburg, Coloma, Eau Claire and Watervliet areas in northeastern Berrien county.

State Nets \$147,290 In Taxes

Berrien Ranks Third In West Michigan Area

Tourists spent \$3,702,241 for rental of rooms and cottages last year in four counties of southwestern Michigan in 1968, according to a report to the West Michigan Tourist association by the Michigan Department of Revenue.

From this total the state collected \$147,290 in use tax.

The tourist association reported Berrien county ranked third among the 31 counties of west Michigan with \$2,443,601 in room and cottage rental.

Van Buren ranked 14th with \$623,371, Allegan was 16th with \$476,553 and Cass was 22nd with \$138,716.

Kent and Grand Traverse counties ranked first and second in visitor patronage in the 31-county west state area. Berrien county ranked eighth among all the counties of the state. Visitors paid out a total of \$25,544,929 for accommodations in the west state area. On this the state collected \$1,021,797 in use tax.

The amount reported by the state was not the full expenditures for accommodations by visitors, said Wesley Tebeau, secretary-manager of WMTA, for the reason that owners of cottages and rooms with one or two units are not required to collect and report the use tax.

June, July and August, when tourist travel is at its peak, were the months in which room rentals were greatest. Room rentals were the lowest in the spring months.

"These figures reflect the impact of tourism on the economy of this part of the state," Tebeau asserted, "but they also show the weakness in the campaign of advertising and publicity to lure vacation visitors to the region."

"The regional tourist association and the Michigan Tourist Council, due to budget limitations, concentrate advertising on summer, fall and winter. There is a great need for adequate financing to permit a full year's program of advertising to be placed in our prime midwest market area every month of the year."

"The state's legislature has been alerted to the deficiencies in the program in a request for \$2 million funding of the promotional efforts, which would encourage business interests to invest a greater amount for local and regional efforts," Tebeau concluded.

The state's budget for tourist promotion now is \$1,054,000 for a return in tax revenue in excess of \$75 million. The West Michigan Tourist association has a budget of \$240,000 for the 1969-70 fiscal year.

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The Trail Blazers 4-H club will hold a spaghetti dinner for the public Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30 at the Sister Lakes Fire department hall at Sister Lakes.

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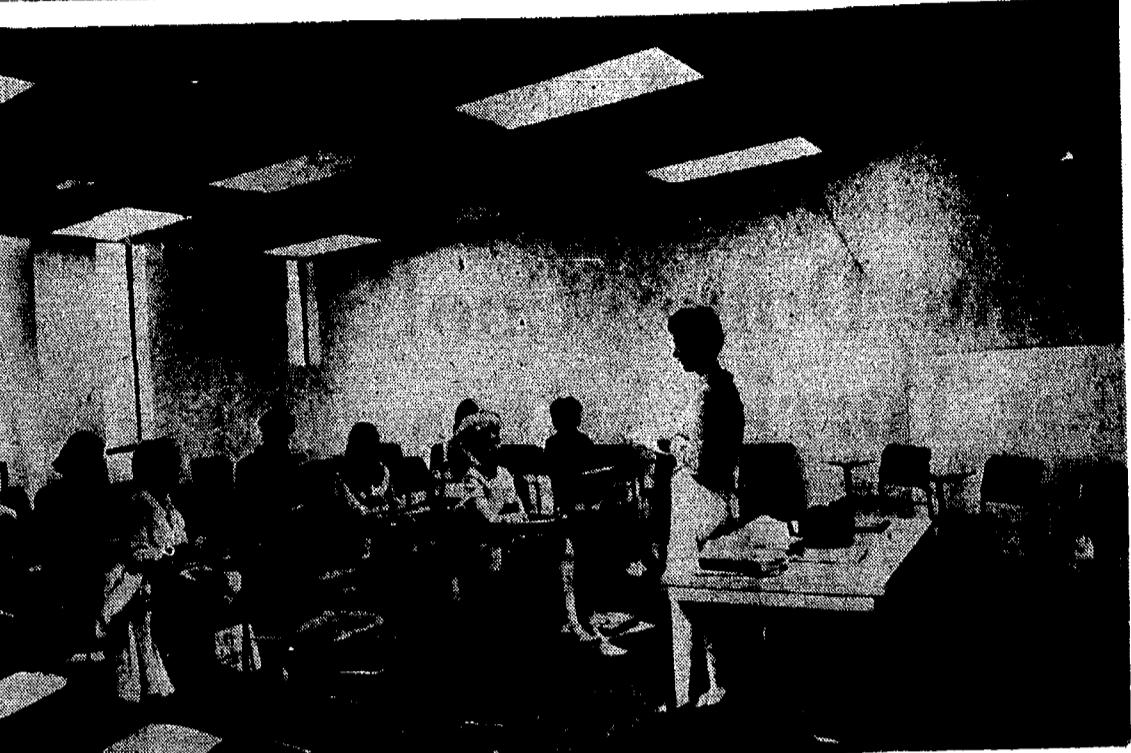
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Crash Suit Asks \$25,000

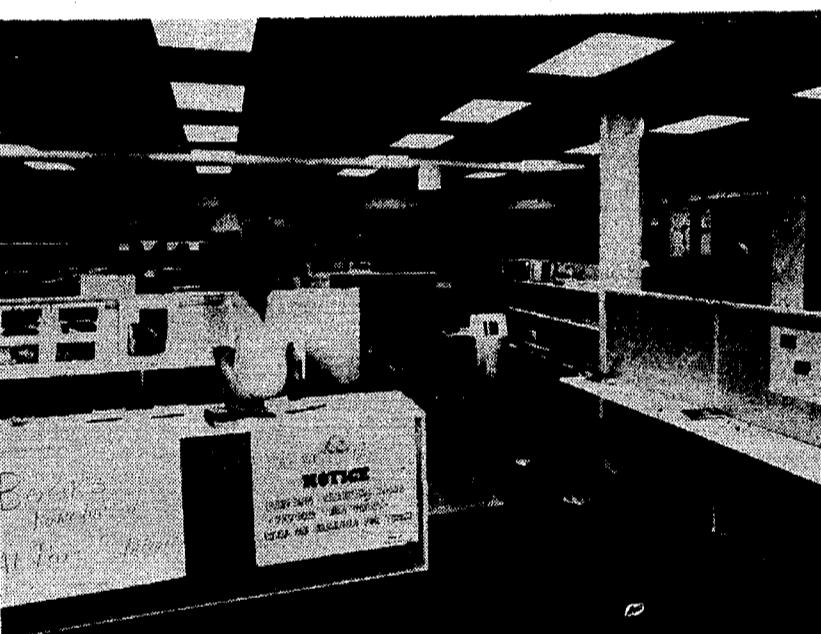
A Watervliet gas station operator asked \$25,000 from two other Watervliet area residents defendants in an auto injury suit led Wednesday in Berrien circuit court.

Walter Krakau of Watervliet named Charles Rose of Route 1, Watervliet, and Darlene Mae Sieber of Route 2, Watervliet, as defendants in a suit for injuries.

Krakau claimed he suffered in a car-truck crash Jan. 2 on M-140 in Bainbridge township.



NEW CAMPUS CLASSROOM: A class in Children's Literature occupies one of the bright new classrooms on Lake Michigan college's new campus at summer school session that is initiating the new buildings. The instructor is Mrs. Tat Parish of Stevensville. Exact figures on summer enrollment have not been announced but they are expected to be at a new high for the institution. Even as new buildings are being occupied, LMC trustees are hopeful of getting second phase of building program underway this fall. New classrooms are carpeted and air conditioned. (Staff photos)



SELF-SERVE BOOKSTORE: Students at LMC summer school session found well equipped bookstore ready to meet their needs for texts and other items. Store is operated in science and fine arts building by private firm, Follett's, under concession contract with college. Helen Brandt, assistant manager, is seen in photo.

Consumers Local Turns Down Pact

JACKSON (AP) — The Jackson local of the Michigan Utility Workers Council has rejected a proposed contract with Consumers Power Company. The local turned down the proposed pact last night by a vote of 159 to 133.

The rejection was the first reported in the state during voting this week on the new pact. Union officials have declined to release information on the votes until a final tally is reached late this week.

Earlier, eight other locals had approved the new pact. A total of 22 locals comprising some 5,200 workers have been on strike against the company since April 8.

Those locals which have approved the pact are in Battle Creek, Traverse City, Cheboygan, Manistee, Alma, Cadillac, Kalamazoo and Flint.

Bids On Three Oaks Sewage System Due

SISTER LAKES

Spaghetti Dinner Set By 4-H'ers

The Berrien County Public Works board Wednesday set July 23 at 2 p.m. as the time to receive construction bids on a sewage disposal system for Three Oaks village estimated at \$780,000.

The board has 120 days after receiving bids to award contracts, according to Berrien Planning Director Thomas Sinn. Meanwhile, it would sell county-backed bonds to finance construction.

The project would include a treatment plant and lateral and interceptor lines serving the village. Three Oaks is under a court order to complete a treatment plant by next May. The county-backed system would be financed by a 26-year bond issue.

The public works board Wednesday also hired an engineering firm to prepare final detailed plans for a \$4.7 million water distribution system in Lincoln and St. Joseph townships, and voted to permit extensions costing \$60,000 to Benton township's \$2 million water system, piping water east from Fairplain Plaza and along Pier avenue between M-139 and

Union street.

FINAL DRAWINGS

Consulting Engineers Ayers, Lewis, Norris & May of Ann Arbor will prepare final drawings of the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment authority water distribution system. It will serve St. Joseph and Lincoln townships and the villages of Stevensville and Shoreham. It already has the Berrien board of supervisors' tentative approval.

The Ann Arbor firm is to be paid 5 1/2 per cent of construction costs on the project, which has

been estimated at \$4.7 million.

St. Joseph township would have a dense network of water lines. Lincoln township would have a skeleton network. They would be served by water treatment plants in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

BENTON APPROVAL The Benton township board earlier approved extensions of its \$2 million water distribution system, which, according to Sinn, will run one 12-inch main from Pipestone and Napier west on Napier to Plaza drive; and run another 12-inch main from Benton's system.

Union street east along Napier to M-139. Construction has been estimated at \$54,270.35, with \$5,000 extra for engineering. Local contractors Yerington & Harris will get the job.

Also Wednesday, the public works board voted to pay \$27,882 to Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. of Oak Brook, Ill., as partial payment on a massive water tower in Benton's water system; and pay \$20,082.09 to Yerington & Harris as final payment on one portion of Benton's system.

Casco Church Board Raps Grape Boycott

By JIM DONAHUE
South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN — A letter has been sent to the Michigan Council of Churches by the Casco United Methodist church board criticizing the council for urging a boycott of the use of grapes produced in California.

"It is reported that our Michigan Council of Churches has participated in urging the boycott of the use of grapes produced in California," said the letter signed by John Paquin, secretary of the Casco church's administrative council.

force the growers to accept the formation of a union of the pickers. "To members of the United Methodist church of the Township of Casco in Allegan County, this action by the council is considered both un-American and un-Christian. As supporters of the council through our denominational lines, we protest this action of our council."

The letter points out that the church members predominantly fruit growers, located in the heart of a Michigan fruit belt, and that the growers are sympathetic to the position of

the growers in California. "We would resent any interference by people in other types of business if they would attempt to tell us how we should operate our farms," the letter added. The Rev. Lawrence Lee, pastor of the Casco township church, said the church board adopted a resolution during a recent meeting to take "this official position." He said the board was not protesting other decisions taken by the Michigan Council of Churches. "We just felt alarmed at the grape boycott and felt it might affect this area," the Rev. Lee said.



ANTIQUE CAR PASS: Walter Schultz (right), Watervliet Jaycees president, hands registration card to Jack Foote to enter his Model A Ford pick-up truck in antique auto show. Jaycees will hold Saturday, July 5, at Baldwin field, Watervliet. The show will be highlight of two-day celebration in Watervliet, July 4-5. Some 50 restored antique cars are expected to be entered in show. Schultz said. (Hartford Day Spring)